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**FLORENCE, S.C.** - The top-ranked and defending NCAA Division II national champion Armstrong Atlantic State University men's tennis team downed No. 27 Francis Marion University, 9-0, in Peach Belt Conference action at the Kassab Courts in Florence, S.C., on Wednesday.

The Pirates (17-1, 9-0 PBC) now head into Monday's matchup with No. 7 Lander with an eye on their fourth straight PBC regular season title. A win against the Bearcats and the Pirates will claim the title. Francis Marion falls to 12-6 overall and 3-6 in the Peach Belt with the loss.

Armstrong swept all three doubles matches to take the a 3-0 lead heading into singles play. The top-ranked duo of **Georgi Rumenov** and Dan Regan upended No. 16-ranked Alex Caspari and Gavin Davison, 8-2, at No. 1 doubles. No. 6-ranked **Sven Lalic** and **Pedro Scocuglia** beat Marius Wahlier and Tim Ruepke, 8-2, at No. 2 doubles. **Matus Mydla** and **Jaan Kononov** finished off the doubles sweep with an 8-3 win over Eimon Heywood and Arnaud Holl at No. 3 doubles.

The Pirates then claimed all six singles matches in straight sets to clinch the match. No. 5-ranked Mydla beat No. 16-ranked Caspari, 6-2, 6-4, at No. 1 singles. No. 1-ranked Rumenov beat Davison, 6-0, 6-3, at No. 2 singles, while No. 11-ranked Regan downed Holl, 6-3, 6-3, at No. 3 singles.

No. 25-ranked Scocuglia notched a 6-3, 6-2 win over Heywood at No. 4 singles, while **Pablo Gor** collected a 6-1, 6-3 win over Ruepke at No. 5 singles. Kononov finished off the singles sweep with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Luke Bateup at No. 6 singles.

The Pirates will tune up for Monday's showdown with Lander by taking on No. 6-ranked Rollins on Saturday, April 6, at 10:00 a.m. at Bacon Park in its final regular season home match of 2013.



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